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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF JANUARY 17 ELIMA ARTICLE
ON DILOLO ATTACK:

2. "AFTER THE OAU SUMMIT: THE LESSONS
ON THE EVE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF THE OAU CONCERNING THE
ANGOLAN AFFAIR, THE FEELING IN MOSCOW AS WELL AS WASHINGTON WAS ONE
OF OPTIMISM. HYPOCRITICAL AS ALWAYS, USING THE TACTICES OF HORACE,
THE USSR, BY MEANS OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN PRAVDAN MANAGED TO
APPEAR FAVORABLE TO A DE-INTERNATIONALIZING OF THE ANGOLAN CON-
FLICT. WASHINGTON, IN ITS ENTHUSIASM, DEMONSTRATED A LARGE DEGREE
OF NAIVETE. AMERICAN DIPLOMACY OBSTANATELY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE
THAT, TO SAVE DETENTE, THE SOVIET UNION MIGHT TAKE ITS HANDS
OFF OF ANGOLA. THE FACTS PROVE,
UNHAPPILY, THE CONTRARY TO BE THE CASE. FOR WE HAVE JUST LEARNED
FROM AN AMERICAN SOURCE OF THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN LUANDA OF THREE
SOVIET SUPERTANKERS SUCH A LARGE QUANTITY OF GAS AND OIL CAN
ONLY BE THE PRELUDE TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF SOVIET AGGRESSION
IN ANGOLA, DEMONSTRATING THE PERFIDIOUS NATURE OF MOSCOW'S MANEUVERS.

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3. IN ANY CASE, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED. ENCOURAGED

BY THE FAILURE OF THE OAU SUMMIT WHICH SOVIET DIPLOMACY HAD WORKED HARD TO BRING ABOUT, THE USSR NOW INTENDS TO STEP ON THE ACCELERATOR TO HASTEN THE VICTORY OF THE MPLA OVER ITS RIVALS. THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, ALL TOO DISPOSED TO LEND CREDENCE TO THE DECEIT OF HIS FRIENDS IN THE KREMLIN, WILL HAVE TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES.

4. IN THE ANGOLAN AFFAIR, BREZHNEV HAS ALREADY CROSSED THE UBICON; HE CANNOT TURN BACK. WITH THIS PERSPECTIVE, HIS OFFENSIVE IN FAVOR OF DETENTE WITH THE WEST CAN ONLY BE SEEN AS A STRATEGY WHICH MANY LUCID ANALYSTS--FROM PEKING TO EUROPE--HAVE RIGHTFULLY DISCOUNTED. FOR WHAT THE WEST CANNOT FORGET IS MOSCOW'S FAILURE IN PORTUGAL, A FAILURE TO WHICH MOSCOW CONTRIBUTED BY ITS PRECIPITOUSNESS AND LACK OF MODERATION. MOSCOW HOPES TO ASSUAGE ITS LOST HOPES IN PORTUGAL IN ANGOLA EVEN AT THE RISK OF SACRIFICING ITS OPENING TO THE WEST. LET US RECONGNIZE THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE SOVIET UNION HAS EVERY REASON TO

CONTINUE ITS DESIGNS. IN THE FACE OF THIS FACT, WHAT CAN BE DONE?

5. ZAIRE'S POSITION IS IDENTICCAL TO THAT OF THE OAU BUREAU IN FAVOR OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE RIVAL ANGOLAN FACTIONS. RECONCILIATION MUST BE THE WORK OF AUTHENTIC AFRICA, EXCULDING MEDDLING FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ADDIS ABABA, THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHO OWE ALLEGIANCE TO MOSCOW REFUSED THIS LANGUAGE OF REASON, CONVINCED THAT

THEIR AIMS WOULD BE REACHED BY THE FORCE OF THE ARMS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS POURING DAILY INTO ANGOLA. THIS COMPLICITY OF AFRICAN

CAPITALS IN THE AIMS OF MOSCOW FORCE US TO LEARN CERTAIN LESSONS.

6 FIRST OF ALL, AN ALERT AND AUTHENTIC AFRICA MUST NOT ABANDON OUR ANGOLAN BROTHERS TO THE MERCY OF THE SOVIET LEADERS. ALSO INSTEAD OF CONTINUING AN UNPROFITABLE NEUTRALITY IN THE CRISES, IT IS NECESSARY TO ENVISAGE OTHER SOLUTIONS. WHICH ONES? LET US RECOGNIZE THAT AT THE CURRENT STAGE, ONLY A SUPERPOWER HAS THE MEANS OF RESTABLISHING THE BALANCE. AGAINST SOPHISTICATED SOVIET ARMS, AFRICAN AID TO UNITA AND FNALA CAN ACCOMPLISH NOTHING. THEREFORE, AT THE RISK OF BEING CHARGED WITH TREASON, WE MUST ASK FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE SOVIET UNION TO STOP ITS AGGRESSION IN AFRICA. ESPECIALLY SINCE THE OAU HAS BEEN SUCH A DISAPOINTMENT." END TEXT..

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